Curbs on export of crude oil

70. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of country's annual crude oil requirement, the indigenous production and import of the oil with revenue implication during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC has requested Government to lift curbs on export of crude oil; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) the details of country's crude oil requirement, indigenous production and imports during the last three years are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) ONGC had suggested that it may be allowed to export its crude oil.

However, as per the extant EXIM Policy, the export of crude oil is permitted through IOC as State Trading Enterprise.

Statement

The details of country's crude oil requirement, indigenous production and imports during the last three years

	1999-2000	*2000-2001*	*2001-2002*
Crude oil requirement of domestic refineries (in MMT*)	85.71	103.11	106.54
Indigenous crude oil production (in MMT)	29.50	29.98	29.63

*-Million Metric Tonne.

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Crude oil imports (MMT)	57.81	74.10	78.71
Crude oil import value (in Rs. crore)	40,028	65,932	60,397

Cost of production of LPG

71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase LPG price;

(b) if so, the reasons for the proposed increase; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by Government to reduce the cost of production of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the extant Government policy, the subsidy on domestic LPG is on a flat rate basis effective 1st April 2002 and the retail prices will vary as per price changes in the international oil market.

(c) Oil refining being continuous process industry with multi product output, product-wise cost of production is not worked out. However, some of the cost cutting measures adopted by the oil companies include improvement in the capacity utilization of LPG bottling plants, reduction in transportation costs by setting up bottling plants in a dispersed manner, etc.

Oil reserves with public sector oil companies

72. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of oil reserves with various public sector oil companies;